

January 3, 2008

The Board of Public Works & Safety met at 4:00 p.m. on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Tucker presiding and members Askren and Higgins attending. Others attending were Chief Beloat; St. Comm. Maynard; Supt. Givens; Chief Waters; Chuck and Tammy Gray; Synda, Janelle, and Savannah Waters; Jack Higgins; Supt. Danny Moss; Sherry Willis; and Sara Manifold - Mount Vernon Democrat.

Mayor Tucker called the meeting to order by stating members were either mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of their previous meeting and by asking if there were any corrections or additions. He added if not, he entertains a motion to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented.

Board member Askren moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Board member Higgins.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker requested action on the claims presented.

Board member Askren moved the claims presented be allowed for payment. Seconded by Board member Higgins.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

*****CLAIMS*****

Mayor Tucker stated they will now have the swearing in of the newly appointed Department Heads.

Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe then administered the Oath of Office to Wastewater Operations Supt. Moss; Wastewater Plant Supt. Givens; Water Supt. Gray; Police Chief Beloat; Fire Chief Waters; and St. Comm. Maynard.

All Department Heads were then congratulated by the Board.

Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the reports of the Departments.

Chief Beloat stated newly hired Officer Kevin Bratton, who began work January 2, will not be sworn in until the next meeting, as all of his equipment has not yet been received. He then stated he would like permission to attend the Annual Mid Winter IACP Conference January 30 – February 1. He added he has attended the past four years and he is also asking that former Chief Glenn Boyster be permitted to attend as well. He stated the registration fee is \$225.00, which does not include lodging. He stated as he is also on the Board of Directors, he will actually need to leave a day early, the 29th of January.

Board member Askren asked if that meant two vehicles would need to be taken ?

Chief Beloat replied yes, as he would have to leave a day early.

Mayor Tucker asked if he would then need three nights lodging ?

Chief Beloit replied he would yes, Officer Boyster, no.

Board member Askren asked if it is necessary for Officer Boyster to attend ?

Chief Beloit replied no, but he will attend, as he has the past four years, though he has paid his own way, the city doesn't.

Board member Askren asked if the city has paid for him to go the past four years ?

Chief Beloit replied no, not in the past four years.

Board member Askren moved Chief Beloit be permitted to attend and spend three nights.

Board member Higgins questioned Officer Boyster's attendance ?

Chief Beloit replied if he was permitted to attend, he would get his in-service training hours, 12 of them actually.

Board member Askren again stated though that the city has not paid for him to go in the past four years.

Board member Higgins stated her issue with not allowing him to attend is that he this would go toward his required training hours.

Chief Beloit agreed and added all officers are required to obtain 16 hours of training per year.

Mayor Tucker reminded the Board there was a motion on the floor concerning Chief Beloit's attendance.

Board member Higgins seconded the motion to allow Chief Beloit to attend.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he stated the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker then questioned the status of Officer Boyster's request to attend. He reminded the Board he would receive 12 hours of training.

Board member Higgins suggested the city pay the registration fee and he pay his lodging. She then moved Officer Boyster be permitted to attend with the city paying the registration fee and him being responsible for his lodging. Seconded by Mayor Tucker, who then stated he is allowing this due to the in-service training that he will receive. He then stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried with two yeas (Higgins and Tucker) and one nay (Askren).

Mayor Tucker then asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Chief Waters stated there is a black mold problem in the living quarters which may required even the 2 x 4's to be replaced, he is not sure at this point.

Jack Higgins left the meeting.

Chief Waters then stated he will try to keep the fix as cheap as possible, but it may be at the point where a new wall will need to be installed.

Board member Askren suggested he try the cheapest way first, then also check to see if there are any health hazards involved with this mold.

Chief Waters replied he will try the cheapest way, but the wall itself is only a 12' wall, it would not be real expensive to replace. He added this mold problem has been there for many years so the 2 x 4's may need replaced. He stated even if the wall needs replaced, the cost should only run between \$500 and \$600.00.

Board member Askren moved Chief Waters look into the repair and makes repairs as are needed. Seconded by Board member Higgins.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously. He then asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Supt. Givens stated over the Holidays a pump went out at the Country Club Lift Station, which is also the site of an SSO. He added this pump needed back up immediately, so he had it sent off for repair at a cost of \$3,262.72. He then stated he took the old pump in as well for repair parts to help keep the cost down.

Supt. Givens continued his report by stating he would like permission to attend a seminar being put on by Best Equipment, dealing with the camera truck. He added the seminar is in Jasper and he will only need transportation, though he may also take several other employees with him. He added the seminar is on the 11th and begins at 9:00 a.m.

Board member Askren moved permission for Supt. Givens and other employees to attend be given. Seconded by Board member Higgins.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Supt. Givens then stated in reference to the lease/purchase on the camera truck with ONB, he has taken the information to Bill Newman who indicated a Resolution might be needed before they proceed.

Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe agreed that was more than likely correct, and that Attorney Higgins would have to draft that.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

St. Comm. Maynard stated he has no report for now.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker asked if Supt. Gray had a report ?

Supt. Gray replied he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker stated on the Legal portion of the Agenda is possible action on the bids for the 2008 supplies.

Board member Askren moved the Board take the recommendations of Attorney Higgins, awarding the chemical bids to Brenntag; the PAC bid to Delta; Paving to Rudolph and Rock, Gravel, Sand, Stone, etc. to Mulzer; and rejecting the Rejuvtec bid due to no financial statement being provided. Seconded by Board member Higgins.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously. He then reminded

St. Comm. Maynard that though Rejuvtec's bid was rejected, that work can now be sought on the open market, or they themselves can do the work, only not at the price bid.

Mayor Tucker stated the next item is to designate a newspaper for Legal Notices for the Board of Public Works & Safety.

Board member Higgins moved the Board use the Mount Vernon Democrat. Seconded by Board member Askren.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe stated he also has another Legal. She added she spoke with the Auditor's Office right before the end of the year, and they indicated there may be some advance money available for the tax installment, but she would have to request that in writing again. She added again, there are some funds that are in dire need of cash and asked that she be given permission to write to request that.

Board member Askren moved permission be given. Seconded by Board member Higgins.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker asked if anyone in the Audience wished to address the Board ?
There was no response.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any Old Business ?

Supt. Givens stated the Harris situation (6th and Canal) that was discussed at the last meeting, he still has no answers from him yet. He stated he has heard nothing and this problem has been ongoing for three years now.

Board member Askren asked if he has contacted Mr. Harris ?

Supt. Givens replied he can try. He then stated he thought the consensus from the last meeting was that the city was willing to do their part to help him out.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any New Business ?
There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated if there was no further business, he entertains a motion to adjourn. Board member Askren moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Board member Higgins.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

John Tucker
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cristi L. Wolfe
Clerk-Treasurer